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SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING APRIL 22-23: UNITED
NATIONS AFFAIRS

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1. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS APPROVED A REPORT PREPARED
BY THE EC NINE UN EXPERTS GROUP WHICH RECOMMENDS INTENSIFIED,
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MORE TIMELY CONSULTATIONS ON UN ISSUES AMONG THE NINE AND

BETWEEN THE NINE AND OTHER STATES. THE DIRECTORS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE EXCELLENT ATMOSPHERE THAT PRESENTLY PREVAILS IN THE EC NINE/U.S. CONTACTS IN NEW YORK. THEY CITED THE LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR SCRANTON AS AN EXCELLENT BEGINNING OF CONSULTATIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

2. THE EXPERTS GROUP'S REPORT DOES NOT RECOMMEND SPECIFIC STEPS TO ENHANCE CONSULTATIONS BUT RATHER CALLS ON EACH GOVERNMENT TO GIVE GREATER PRIORITY THEN IN THE PAST TO COORDINATION ON UN ISSUES. COMMENT: GOL OFFICIAL TOLD ME THE MAIN POINT OF THE DISCUSSION ON UN COORDINATION WAS TO SPOOK OUT ANY POSSIBLE "THEOLOGICAL" OBJECTIONS TO A GREATER DEGREE OF COORDINATION AMONG THE NINE AND CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE NINE AND OTHER COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE U. S., ON UN ISSUES. "THEOLOGICAL" OBJECTIONS CONCEIVABLY COULD HAVE COME FROM THE FRENCH, BUT APPARENTLY DID NOT BECAUSE THE EXPERT GROUP'S REPORT WAS ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY WITH LITTLE DEBATE. END COMMENT.

3. ON TERRORISM, THE GERMANS CONTINUED TO PRESS FOR SOME CONCRETE ACTION BY THE NINE IN THE UN CONTEXT. A MAJORITY OF THE NINE ARE OPPOSED TO TABLING A RESOLUTION AT THE 31ST UNGA ON TERRORISM BECAUSE THEY SHARE THE CONCERN EXPRESSED IN PARAGRAPH 3-B OF REFTEL THAT A UN INITIATIVE MIGHT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. WHEN THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN BRUSSELS MAY 3 AND 4 WILL DISCUSS THE ISSUE AGAIN, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS RECOMMENDATIONS WILL PREVAIL AS THE NINE'S APPROACH TO TERRORISM IN THE 31ST UNGA. THE APPROACH IS THAT (A) THE PRESIDENT OF THE NINE WILL INCLUDE A PARAGRAPH OR SO ON TERRORISM IN HIS STATEMENT AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE 31ST UNGA AND (B) THAT THE NINE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT INTRODUCE A FORMAL RESOLUTION IN THE UNGA.

4. ON ZIONISM/RACISM IN THE ECOSOC SESSION, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS REVIEWED THE SITUATION TO DATE AND CONFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO OPPOSE FORCEFULLY ANY EFFORTS TO INTERJECT THIS CONCEPT. CONFIDENTIAL

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5. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, THE NINE AGREED TO VOTE FOR ANGOLAN ADMISSION TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AT THE FORTHCOMING WHO SESSION IN GENEVA.

6. COMMENT: IN A CONVERSATION ENTIRELY SEPARATE FROM THE EC DIALOGUE, I LEARNED FROM MY TURKISH COLLEAGUE IN LUXEMBOURG THAT THE NINE HAVE AGREED TO SUPPORT THE

GREEK CANDIDACY FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE WHO.
HE SAID THE GOT WILL VIGOROUSLY PROTEST THIS DECISION
BECAUSE (A) TURKEY HAS LONG WANTED A SEAT ON THE EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL AND (B) THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE NINE HAS
FORMALLY SHOWN A PREFERENCE FOR GREECE OVER TURKEY IN AN
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. ON CLOSER QUESTIONING,
MY SOURCE ADMITTED THAT HE WAS NOT POSITIVE THE NINE HAD
TAKEN A FORMAL DECISION TO SUPPORT GREECE BUT THAT HIS
GOVERNMENT IS SURE THEY HAVE INFORMALLY DECIDED THAT ALL
OR A LARGE MAJORITY OF THE NINE WILL SUPPORT THE
GREEK CANDIDACY. END COMMENT. PHILLIPS

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